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Following are some extracts from an address given by Mr. F. H. Malcolm, late president of the Johannesburg Diamond Boring and Developing Company, Limited, to the members of the Central Canada Chamber of Mines:

"It will be noted that Transvaal ores are low grade, averaging only 26 dwts. to the ton, over the plates, in value slightly over $6 per ton. The mines are deep, averaging 2,500 feet, some exceeding 4,000 feet, before the reef is reached. Water is also scarce.

"The cost of constructing these immense dams averages about $500,000, and sinking and equipping a shaft to that depth about $270,000 or £150,000 in all, [illegible] spent before they are on the [illegible] is a Canadian outcrop [illegible] when [illegible] pick is put into [illegible]

"[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] average 10 feet [illegible] [illegible] In Canada a [illegible] [illegible] feet, but many [illegible] Ontario [illegible] 15 feet. An average return from mine now working [illegible] $11.70 the ton. Some giving [illegible] higher results. [illegible] cost of [illegible] pipes returning $5 per ton upwards [illegible] common in Ontario which might be worked at a profit. The cost of mining and milling the latter with modern appliances [illegible] on the Rand, should not exceed $1.50 per ton.

"Labor is considerably higher in Africa averaging for white labor $6 per day. Kaffir labor [illegible] $17 per month and board. All necessaries of life are much more expensive in Africa and a workman's three roomed cottage cannot be obtained in Johannesburg under $25 per month.

"Transvaal mines are rapidly capitalized for a short period about twelve hundred and fifty millions of dollars of capital equalling £250,000,000, now invested in the mining industry in that region, and supplies of capital are always forthcoming for new enterprises. The reason of this being the absolute confidence reposed by European investors in the integrity of the Johannesburg institution which has disseminated its monthly statistical information and is now known and recognized as the premier institution of its kind throughout the world.

"The Johannesburg main reef is about 50 miles long by seven miles wide. In western Canada the Lake of the Woods gold district alone is about 350 miles long by about 150 miles wide, then there are many other promising gold areas, such as on the shores of Lakes Manitoba, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, etc., and taking all these facts into consideration and comparing the conditions with those obtaining elsewhere, there is no reason whatever, with adequate appliances and machinery, why the central Canadian gold mines should not soon be included amongst the most productive in the world.

"As outside issues and enterprises emenating from the Johannesburg Chamber of mines are the railways and telegraphs. No less than five lines of railway converge on Johannesburg, all built during the last six years, the cost of which is about equal to the entire Canadian Pacific railway system, and a line of telegraph is now being built right through Africa from the Cape to Cairo.

"Johannesburg, at the time of establishing its Chamber of Mines, was much in the same condition as the mining districts of central Canada are today, their very existence being unknown in Europe and necessarily, therefore, without capital. That city was centered in the heart of the South African continent, and being without either railway or telegraphic communication, 1,000 miles by road from Cape Town, was quite unknown to the rest of the world. It has achieved its fame throughout the world entirely through the reliable information and publications of its Chamber of Mines and now there is scarcely a newspaper in the whole world, in any language, that does not publish its telegraphed information of the progressive monthly output of gold.

"Compare this result with the mines of Canada and the United States of America, which is the sequence of no such organization being hitherto in existence, not a single American or Canadian mine has yet been listed or recognized on the stock exchanges of Europe.

"In order to rectify this anomoly the Central Canada Chamber of Mines has been organized, for there is no doubt whatever that the mines of Central Canada are greatly superior to any yet known in South Africa, both as to extent, size of ore body and grade of ore

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

To Be Appropriately Celebrated in Rat Portage.

ST GEORGE SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

ON WEDNESDAY EVENING BY AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF ENGLISHMEN.

A meeting of Englishmen and descendants of Englishmen was held in the Opera House assembly hall on Wednesday evening for the purpose of organizing a St. George's society, and also for the proper celebration of the approaching St. George's Day, April the 25th.

His Honor Judge Chapple was called to the chair and in a few words explained the objects of the meeting, after which Mr. Walker and Mr. Crierie were proposed for secretary, and upon being put to the meeting, Mr. Crierie was elected.

Messrs. Towers, Neads, Walker, Foy and many others spoke at some length in favor of organizing a St. George's society, and it was unanimously carried that a society be formed at once.

Messrs. Neads, Towers, Foy, Walker, Crierie and Judge Chapple were appointed a committee to draft a constitution, which will be submitted to a general meeting to be held Tuesday evening next, April 3.

A motion to hold the society's first annual banquet on St. George's day, April 23, was put at the meeting and carried.

Among those present were: His Honor Judge Chapple, E. Crierie, C. E. Nunis, R. W. Taylor, W. Walker, H. F. Holmes, W. B. Towers, S. G. Abbatt, E. Hall, J. R. Davies, T. W. Keyworth, C. F. Miles, H. Guernsey, J. Pinder, J. A. Wilson, F. W. Hook, Foy, R. E. Foy, E. W. Birch, J. A. Tucker, W. Burns, J. Myers, T. Williams, H. A. Longley, A. H. Crabbe, A. McL. W. H. Rudd, E. E. Gardenhire.

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THE GOLD PANNER.

Another Parallel Vein Exposed When Blasting for Foundation of the Mill.

In blasting for the foundation of the mill on the Gold Panner property, another parallel vein was exposed. It is of fine width and carries good values. This makes three parallel veins on the Gold Panner property and it is quite probable they will unite and form one immense vein.

This is good news for the stockholders of this company, nearly all of whom live in Rat Portage. Not only to the stockholders of the company does this apply, for everyone in town will feel the success of this company in a greater or lesser degree. When it becomes a dividend payer, and this promises to be in the very near future, the profits will be spent in the town, and not go to outside points.

They are now down to a depth of 25 feet in No. 2 shaft, and it gives evidence of carrying the many feet rich ness of their big No. 1 shaft.

Sufficient supplies are now at the camp to last until the opening of navigation, and work is progressing rapidly with the new mill, and the placing of a steam hoist in No. 1 shaft.

The Burley Mine.

M. R. Francis, M.E., went out to the Burley mine this week, and reports that the machinery and everything at the mine is in good shape. He expects the company will begin work with a large force of men immediately after the opening of navigation. The Burley shaft has already been sunk to a depth of 25 feet.

from Winnipeg to Selkirk and on to the mouth of the Red river at Lake Winnipeg, a distance of 35 to 40 miles. And, in view of the improvement of St. Andrew's rapids on the Red, which, when completed, will enable lake-going steamers to ply between Winnipeg and the northern extremity of the lake, it would seem that the coming years will see a great number of pleasure seekers resorting to that district. Last summer a very large number spent their holidays on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, and this year, it is understood there will be a large summer hotel erected and grounds laid out there. Selkirk is the head of navigation for Lake Winnipeg, and a couple of excursion steamers, almost the size of the Keenora here, are running continually during the summer months.

This being the case, Rat Portage should see that everything is done to make it attractive here. We have natural advantages, and these should be augmented by artificial means, and an effort should be made to give them publicity, and we trust that our councils in future will take notes, keep an eye on their rival, for such it is, and apply themselves to this question.

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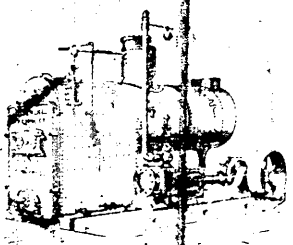

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"Transvaal mines are highly capitalized but not more than 20 per cent. of nominal capital has been provided in cash as working capital, yet, notwithstanding this, the dividends are large. The dividends are paid also upon the vendors shares which equal about 80 per cent. of the whole nominal capitalization.

"Both Transvaal and Central Canadian ores are free milling and these remarks apply to over plate yields only (in both cases) for the reason that few Canadian mines are equipped with modern cyanide or other process for extraction of residues from tailings, slimes, etc., which would probably increase yields about 35 per cent., as in the Transvaal.

"The mill batteries in Canada have mostly light stamps (in Africa the average weight of the stamps is 1,250 lbs. against 900 lbs. in Canada) and other appliances compared with the Transvaal are of most primitive description, the advantage of heavy stamps being that they double the capacity at only 10 per cent. increase of power.

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States of America, which in consequence of no such institution being hitherto in existence, not a single American or Canadian mine has yet been listed or recognized on the stock exchanges of Europe.

"In order to rectify this anomaly the Central Canada Chamber of Mines has been organized, for there is no doubt whatever that the mines of Central Canada are greatly superior to any yet known in South Africa, both in extent, size of ore body and grade of ore. The conditions and facilities for economical working are greatly in favor of Canada, both in respect to cost of labor, abundance of water power, cheapness of provisions, accessibility through regular railway communication in all directions, and the important fact that the rests are payable almost from the surface as has been abundantly proved by the few mines now working at the Lake of the Woods and other centers, where with the most primitive appliances highly encouraging results are even now being achieved.

"The total white population of South Africa never exceeded 500,000 persons, the gold fields being distant and difficult of access. Compare this with the central position of Canada, with probably 80,000,000 people on the American continent south of us, and about 350,000,000 in Europe, all within 10 days' reach of the Central Canadian gold fields. Many of these (especially those who have made money through mining investments elsewhere) would undoubtedly invest, if they knew of the existence of these mines, a fractional percentage of which will suffice to place Canada on a satisfactory basis as a gold producing center, and cannot fail to prove advantageous to Canada as a whole, and the expansion of commerce generally."

SIRDAR MACHINERY

Compressor Plant and Hoist on The Way to The Mine.

This week a compressor plant, hoist, some ore cars and steel rails were sent out to the Sirdar mine. The machinery was purchased from the James Cooper Co., and will be installed at once. It is evident that the Sirdar people mean business and intend to keep up their reputation for extensive and thorough development.

Class Reef Mine.

Work on this big Manitou property is being carried on with vigor. There has been forty feet of drifting already done on each side of the shaft and the ore that is being taken out is said to be rich. The Wabigoon Star in commenting on this property says: "the results of the crosscutting on the vein will be followed with interest by those who are connected with the Glass Reef, as the results of the development have so far been to disclose a property which is a marvel even among the rich gold mines of the world." A new shift will be put to work at once in the bottom of the shaft, which with one crosscutting will make four shifts working simultaneously night and day.

Five Locations Sold.

Wm. Peters and associates have purchased five locations from Messrs. S. Moore and S. Black. The properties are situated about seven miles south of Ingolf on the C.P.R. and have immense veins which carry good values. The price named is $35,000. Development work will be commenced in a short time.

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Messrs. Boyce, Humble, Horswill, Partington, Verdin, Hook, Appleton, Wellsman, Parsons and many others expressed their regret at not being able to be present owing to previous engagements, but have promised to be present at the next meeting.

It is particularly desired that all who wish to join the society should make it a point to be at the meeting on Tuesday evening next, when all particulars regarding the scope of St. George's societies will be presented. If you are an Englishman or the descendant of an Englishman you are eligible.

Virginia Looks Well.

Word just received from the Virginia mine states that it is coming to the front in good shape. The shaft has reached a depth of 208 feet. Sinking has been stopped while the work of opening up the property with drifts and crosscuts goes on. On the 200 foot level a drift is in 50 feet and when it is pushed in far enough the ore body will be cross-cut on that level. The ore at that depth looks very well. On the 100 foot level the vein was crosscut and the ore body found to be 100 feet wide all of which pans. The ore is of a schistose character and very soft. Drifts have been pushed on the vein on this level 16 feet one way and 12 feet the other. The work of drifting and crosscutting will be carried on extensively before more sinking is done. This mine is proving to be as valuable as it promised in the earlier stages of its development.

The Triggs Mine.

Word has come from the Triggs mine, that in sinking in the old original shaft, the vein was encountered at a depth of 108 feet. At a depth of 150 feet the vein drifted to one side, but the management decided rather than follow, to sink down straight, believing that would be right at about 200 feet. They are the more than pleased that the [illegible] tions have turned out as they [illegible] pated. Work on the [illegible] being carried on with the [illegible] factory results, and every way larger body of quartz blocked [illegible]

SUMMER PEOPLE.

An Effort Should Be Made to Attract Holidayists Here.

As the town of Rat Portage is trying to make the surrounding islands and vicinity an attraction for summer resorters, it might be noticed that the citizens of Selkirk, not the East Selkirk Rat Portagers pass to and from Winnipeg the quaint and picturesque town on the west bank of the river with its tree-lined streets and natural "lovers' lanes," are very energetic in the same direction, and are catering for the summer visitors from the same source—Winnipeg—as our town is. An application to parliament has been made for the organization of a company which had a charter granted some years ago—for the construction and operation of an electric road

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An Old Theory Exploded.

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NARROW ESCAPE.

A Miner at The Champion Nearly Loses His Life.

This week one of the miners at the Champion mine had a narrow escape from being blown to pieces, through the want of thoughtfulness. It appears that after filling one of the holes, prepared for a blast, with powder, he proceeded to light his pipe, and the sulphur from the lighted match flew into the hole and at once there was an explosion which sent the man several feet but luckily without hurting him. This should be a warning to miners who are in the habit of lighting matches in the vicinity of powder.

TEA-TOTALLERS.

An Awful Joke Recently Perpetrated. Taste More Reliable Than Sight.

Several mining men not so long ago were asked to deliver a couple of bottles of that excellent liquid, known [illegible] to drink which gives cheer [illegible] of ghosts, at a property [illegible] ction would [illegible] One gentleman [illegible] was tasked such [illegible] taste of liquid [illegible] was surreptitiously [illegible] same manner [illegible] on arrival at [illegible] Gas produced [illegible] ard [illegible] ave [illegible] hat [illegible] The [illegible] have [illegible] ing [illegible] produced [illegible] head [illegible] was [illegible] was [illegible] was

WAR OR FREEDOM

The Boer War Discussed by Rev. Canon Norton, in Montreal.

A CRUEL SLAVE OWNING DESPOTISM

ENGLAND HAS NO THOUGHT OF FIGHTING FOR MILITARY GLORY.

Rev. Canon Norton, preached in Christ church cathedral, Montreal, Sunday morning on the war, and sounded a stirring note against any peace which should leave a vestige of power to the semi-savage despotism which has so long retarded the progress and oppressed the people of South Africa.

We have no thought of fighting for military glory. Defeats, if they help to emancipate South Africa and establish a free and righteous government there, are victories. And victories, if they fall short of promoting this high and beneficial object, are defeats. The enemy, when fully prepared, [illegible] declared war, invaded and [illegible] British territory, besieged [illegible] loyal subjects to take up [illegible] Queen in serious offence [illegible] destroyed public and private property, and boasted that they would drive the English out of South Africa, and into the sea. We deeply feel that we were thus forced into this war; but being now engaged in it, we all intend, I feel sure, with God's help, not to slacken our hand till the old inveterate cancer has been removed, once for all, from the heart of South Africa.

Allow me to remind you of a few salient facts. During the war with France in 17[illegible], when the French were preparing to besiege Cape Colony, the Dutch, [illegible] were then its possessors, requested England to protect them. Accordingly, the [illegible] Admiral Elphinstone, with [illegible] of War, and [illegible] troops, possession of the Cape and protected it from the French. After holding it till the trouble with France seemed over, in 1803, England generously restored the Cape to Holland. But [illegible] wars broke out again. Holland was again unable to protect the Cape, and the British were [illegible] body expected them to do much serious fighting. They were regarded as an ornamental fringe of the Imperial army. They were kept far in the rear, doing promiscuous duties. But their energy and intelligence soon won the respect of the British commanders. The Canadians were moved forward and in a series of collisions with the enemy—involving some exceedingly protracted and heavy fighting and severe losses—they acted with such clear headedness, pluck and efficiency that Field Marshall Lord Roberts determined to entrust to them the responsible task of forcing their way to close quarters with General Cronje's army. With splendid coolness and dash the Canadians established themselves in advantageous positions within a few score yards of the enemy's rifles in the early dawn of February 27, the anniversary of Majuba.

As Lord Roberts [illegible] wrote: "This clinched the matter. The old lion of South Africa was brought to bay. He saw that all was [illegible]. The white flag was raised and Cronje and his army were prisoners of war. From that hour the Canadians took rank with the Black Watch, the Gordon Highlanders, the Fusiliers, as among the finest troops in the world. But it is known that Canada could and would, in a great emergency, put a hundred thousand men in the field, and that they would be men of great efficiency. Canada, a rich, industrious colony, has suddenly come into prominence. Many eyes are on us. For only the world [illegible] no notice of what we did. Now it exaggerates the importance of our [illegible] actions. I suppose if I may be allowed to express myself with reference to some recent events, by which it is established that two infant school girls—one French and one English—were now to preside in the streets of Montreal and throw turf upon each other, serious questions would be asked and speeches would be made and [illegible] in the imperial and local legislatures.

The friends of the British empire would feel depressed [illegible] its enemies would rejoice. The whole [illegible] would be exaggerated a thousandfold. I refer to [illegible] the occasional [illegible] begun. Well [illegible] that we [illegible] soldiers are [illegible] nothing [illegible] very under [illegible] observed. We occupy a [illegible] position. Our things were [illegible]. We all, English and [illegible] rich old young, must [illegible] comport ourselves with the dignity and [illegible] which [illegible] was [illegible] tions are noticed [illegible] our [illegible] controversies [illegible] men [illegible] have. As a free [illegible] we are [illegible] and exercise [illegible] liege of [illegible] speech and action. [illegible]

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and was soon taken prisoner by three Boers. They took his shoes and coat from him, and he was guarded by one or another of them all day. But he managed to escape early next morning. He eluded their search and wandered for three days. At last he saw the lights of Kimberley and literally crawled into the town, having hurt his back by falling into a hole. He had been three days and a half without food or water, and had travelled 45 miles without shoes. He bound his patties round his feet. When he asked the Boers for water they replied they had not enough for themselves. He is recovering and with rest and the attention he is receiving in the Canadian Red Cross Hospital, he will soon be fit for service.

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War Estimate.

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League. - Col. Denison Presided and Presented an Interesting Report.

THE CONSOLIDATION OF ALL RACES

THE PRESENT BOER WAR HAS DONE MUCH TO CEMENT THE EMPIRE.

The annual meeting of the British Empire League was held last week in Ottawa. Lt.-Col. Denison presided. In moving the adoption of the annual report, Col. Denison read a long address dealing in a large part with the war in South Africa.

In his last Annual report Col. Denison said he referred to the consolidation of all races by which the great powers could bind themselves together for mutual defence. Within the last six months Britain was engaged in war and Canada made no mistake in taking hold of the right side of the question. The growth of imperial sentiment was great. Canada not only spent its money but sent its best soldiers to fight for the common cause, not merely to fight for Ontario and Africa, but to maintain empire wherever and prevent it growing or shrinking there. With such instructive experience Col. Denison went on to speak of every being provided with guns. Obsolete arms should not sell. What could be done by the navy? Some time to pass with modern weapons had been shown in this war. The Boer was not intercepted and beat Storm along, John! The Empire was tempered at first, caught in an ambush, and beat the worst. Mr. Herald counties were hard on the spot. For they hadn't a soul but prejudiced his lot. You had only to cart out some thousands of miles; So you fell to your work with the calmest of smiles. And each with her battle-cry your sons you sent on. For you beggared the navy to Storm along John! Storm along, John! Storm along John! Frenchman and Russian and Dutch

but sent by Canada, was the cause of so much praise being showered upon the Dominion by the Queen, Mr. Chamberlain, Sir Alfred Milner and others. Hr (Tupper) concurred in all that Sir Sanford Fleming had said.

Mr. Casey supported the resolution in a brief speech.

Sir McKenzie Bowell moved a resolution in favor of a Canadian naval reserve. He made an effective speech in support of it. Principal Grant seconded the resolution. In doing so he made reference to the Boers' love of liberty.

Sir Louis H. Davies, who followed, was unable to subscribe to Professor Grant's ideas of the Boers, who instead of loving liberty, oppressed others. He expressed sympathy with the resolution moved by Sir Mackenzie. When in England he had the advantage to discuss the subject with the secretary of the navy, and matters were progressing favorably.

Archibald McGoun moved a resolution in favor of a decimal currency throughout the British empire, which was adopted.

Lieut.-Col. Denison was elected president. The following are the vice-presidents: Ontario, Sir Oliver Mowat, Sir Mackenzie Bowell and A. P. McNeill; Quebec, Lord Strathcona, J. J. Tarte and Archibald McGoun; New Brunswick, Senator Wood, T. C. Weldon; Nova Scotia, Lieut.-Gov. Daly, Archbishop O'Brien; Prince Edward Island, ex-Lieut.-Gov. Howland; Manitoba, Lieut.-Gov. J. C. Patterson; Northwest Territories, ex-Lieut.-Gov. Mackintosh, M.P., honorary treasurer, J. T. Small, and honorary secretary, J. E. Evans.

SONG OF EMPIRE.

Mr. W. E. Henley appears to have written the most popular war song yet called out in England by the Boer war. It was published originally in The Sphere, has been set to music and is being sung everywhere. Canada and the other colonies are in the song and will be interested in it. When the music arrives we shall publish it for everybody, singing "Storm Along, John!"

Storm along, John! The Empire was tempered at first,
You had only to cart out some thousands of miles;
So you fell to your work with the calmest of smiles.
And each with her battle-cry your sons you sent on.
For you beggared the navy to Storm along John!

Storm along, John! Storm along John! Frenchman and Russian and Dutch

PAINS IN THE BACK

FREQUENTLY DUE TO SLUGGISH LIVER OR KIDNEY TROUBLES.

Mr. Frank Walters, of Exeter, Tells of Suffering and how Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Cured Him After Other Medicines Failed.

From the Advocate, Exeter.

Mr. Frank Walters is a young man personally known to most of the residents of Exeter, where he has lived nearly all his life. Talking with the editor of the advocate recently, Mr. Walters said: "In justice to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I think it my duty, in view of what they have done for me, to add my testimonial to the thousands of others that have been printed. For some months I suffered most severely from pains coursing up and down my back. It was thought that these pains were due to liver and kidney trouble, but whatever the cause they frequently left me in terrible agony. The pains were not always confined to the back, but would shift to other parts of the body. As a result I got little rest, my appetite became impaired, and I fell off greatly in weight. I tried different remedies suggested by friends, which having no effect almost disgusted me with medicine. Then a personal friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I was not easily persuaded because I had about concluded that medicine would not relieve me, but he insisted and finally I decided to try them. I purchased one box at first, and to my astonishment before it was finished I was greatly relieved. Then I got a couple more boxes, restoring me to my former good health. I do not hesitate recommending this medicine that others may profit by my experiences and not suffer tortures as I did."

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Dr. Jamieson.

[illegible] and those who [illegible] be excused, [illegible] of the expedition has [illegible] action at [illegible] Dr. Jamieson arrived in [illegible] welcome visitor [illegible] town was invested. His [illegible] military ardiand was shown [illegible] tly refused for political [illegible] but when the number of pati[illegible] suffering from wounds and enteric filled the hospital and overtax[illegible] the efforts of the regular medical attendants, Dr. Jamieson turned to with a will, and it is said, performed the work of ten men. The strain he underwent was great that he himself was stricken down, and for some time his life was despaired of. The [illegible] dismissed in disgrace. The

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NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given of the Sittings of the Court of Revision at the Town Hall, Rat Portage on Tuesday the Thirteenth day of March A.D. 1900, at the hour of 7.30 o'clock p.m. for the hearing of appeals pursuant to the statute in that behalf respecting the proposed Sewer between Fifth and Sixth Streets and the special assessment of the cost thereof upon the lands immediately benefitted pursuant to the report of the Town Engineer dated the 28th day of February, 1900.

The estimated cost of said improvement is $420.00 payable in 20 equal annual instalments sufficient to cover interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum and a sinking fund for the payment of the said principal sum and the lands proposed to be specially assessed therefor consist of Lots 143, 142, 141, 140, 139, 138, 148, 149, 150 and 151 in Block 3.

Dated at Rat Portage this First day of March A.D. 1900.

D. H. CURRIE,
Town Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the Estate of WILLIAM ROSS McRITCHIE, late of the Town of Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, deceased.

[illegible] NOTICE is [illegible] the Revised Statutes of [illegible] 120, that all credi[illegible] claims against the [illegible] William McRitchie, who died [illegible] 1900, are required on or before the [illegible] day of April A.D. 1900, to send by [illegible] Messrs. Allen McLennan & Currie, Solicitors for the Executors of the said [illegible] William McRitchie, deceased, their [illegible] names and addresses and [illegible] of their claims and a statement [illegible] and the nature of the [illegible] held by them.

And take notice that after the [illegible] said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Rat Portage this 15th day of March, 1900.

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The capital stock of the company is $1,250,000 divided into 1,250,000 shares of $1 each par value. One-half of the ownership of promoters is shown in the [illegible] 750,000 shares in the treasury, the proceeds of the sale [illegible] exclusively devoted to development work and purchase of necessary machinery. It is the *most liberal* conservation of [illegible] interests of the shareholders in an investing public yet made by any mining company.

PRICES ADVANCED

The directors of the company have placed a second block of 25,000 shares of this stock on the market at 15 cents per share, 5 cents per share down and the balance 2 cents per share per month. No call letters will be issued for less than 500 shares. For [illegible] address or personal interchange without no[illegible]

The board of directors of this company are well-known business men of St. Paul, Minn., and Rat Portage, Ont., who would not load themselves to any scheme, and are named as follows:

Cyrus Wellington Butgens, Great Northern Ry.; Dean W. Nelson, Kloter & Nelson, Opera House Insurance; James A. Kelly, Grand Western Ry.; W. H. Hill, Assistant General Freight Agent

Africa was ever an imperial colonial conference should be called to deal with the questions, and see what could be done by all for the common defence. It might mean increased burdens for Canada, but it was time Canadians learned they were not to be the only people who had not to pay for their own safety. Canada had to pay a tax of 2s per head, compared with £5 in England, or £5 in France and £5 in Germany.

Hon. William Mulock, in seconding the resolution, made a speech full of loyalty and patriotism. At one time imperial federation was looked upon as an idle dream: that was not the case today. He pointed to the presence of a gentleman from Queensland, who could join with them and concur in the sentiments expressed by the Canadian. Britain, he said, was at war with South Africa for its love of peace. Those who tried to rob Britain of the peace would have to pay the price of that robbery. Mr. Mulock asked where was the little Englander today. His extinction was complete. The postmaster general then went on to say that the construction of the Pacific cable, to which the annual report referred, was of vital importance. It [illegible] no less than a national calamity if anything was done to block [illegible].

Hon. Mr. Tisdell was the next speaker. He quoted from a pamphlet of W. [illegible] Foster, the British [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

President Kruger [illegible] [illegible]. The vote of the House of Commons last night testified [illegible] of the most important [illegible] Canada to do was to see [illegible] militia of Canada was supplied with the best arms that could be produced. Nothing had ever done so much for Canada as the presence of [illegible] of its soldiers in South Africa, [illegible] the fact that they were not invited.

You had only to cart 'em some thousands of miles?
So you fell to your work with the calmest of smiles,
And each with her battles, your ships you sent on.
Fill you beggared the record—Hi!
Storm along John!"

Storm along, John! Storm along John!
Frenchman and Russian and Dutchman and Don
Know the sea's yours from the Coast to Canton!
Storm along, storm along, storm along, John!

Storm along, John! There was work to done,
With the foe in full blast ere you sighted a gun!
Came the news came, that [illegible] reeled in the brunt,
And at home, by the Lord, it was "Who's for the front?"

And your whelps overseas, John—the whelps that you knew
For the native, original, pattern true blue—
O, your whelps wanted blooding, they cried to come on,
And—Hark to them chorusing: "Storm along, John!

Storm along, John! Storm along John!
Half the world's yours, and the rest may look on.
Man it at the rip from Quebec to Ceylon,
Storm along, storm along, storm along, John!

Storm along, John! All your Britons are out:
[illegible] and Sydney [illegible] with a shout;
Wellington, Ottawa, Brisbane, their [illegible]
[illegible] with Cape Town, [illegible] fighting Northwest.
[illegible], men, guns for you! India's flame!
[illegible] the lads of Natal [illegible] playing the game!
[illegible] Gib. to Vancouver [illegible] James [illegible] Yukon.
[illegible] air is loud with [illegible] Storm along, John!

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ents suffering from wounds and enteric fever filled the hospital and overtaxed the efforts of the regular medical attendants. Dr. Jamieson turned to with a will, and, it is said, performed the work of ten men. The strain he underwent was so great that he himself was stricken down, and for some time his life was despaired of. The spirit he displayed in ignoring the treatment he had received at the hands of the military authorities is worthy of all admiration, and inspires the hope that he will completely recover from his illness.

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Why This Year is Not Leap Year.

Here is a question that many people are frequently propounding to the newspapers: "Does not leap year occur every four years? The last leap year was in 1896. Why is not 1900 one? Why had not this past February 29 days?" The question is here answered by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch: Julius Cæsar's calendar made each year contain precisely 365¼ days. But in reality it contained between 10 and 11 minutes less. Thus in 128 years the legal year would have [illegible] the solar year. By the time the Gregorian calendar was made [illegible] had been lost. To remedy this, October 11, 1582, was arbitrarily made to follow directly after October 3, 1582. To avoid such another elimination of time, it was decreed that henceforth no centurial year not divisible by 400 should be a leap year. By the present plan the legal year loses a day on the solar year only once in over 3,300 years.

Where Cronje Will Stop.

St. Helena is an island in the South Atlantic ocean, belong to the British. It is 1,400 mile west of the west coast of Africa, and has an area of 47 square miles. Napoleon resided there from 1816 till his death, May 5, 1821. The island is of volcanic origin, and consists of rugged mountains, interspersed with numerous ravines. The northern part of the island contains tolerably level tracts, covered with rich verdure. The largest of these is Longwood, where Napoleon had his residence. About one-fifth of the island is fertile. Almost the only traffic consists in furnishing commodities to the calling vessels. The population numbers 624.

of the said deceased, their christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of their securities if any held by them.

And take notice that after said last mentioned date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and the said Administrator will not be liable for the said assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Rat Portage this 6th day of March, A. D. 1900.

ALLAN McLENNAN,
Solicitor for Wm. McRitchie,
Administrator.

30-11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the estate of Murdock Murchison late of the Town of Rat Portage in the District of Rainy River, Lumberman, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, cap. 129, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Murdoch Murchison who died on or about the 16th day of December, A. D. 1899, are required on or before the 6th day of April, A. D. 1900, to send by post prepaid or deliver to Allan McLennan, of the Town of Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, Solicitor for William Robertson, Executor of the last will and testament of the said deceased, their christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of their securities if any held by them.

And take notice that after the last mentioned date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Rat Portage this 6th day of March, A. D. 1900.

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Solicitor for Wm. Robertson,
Executor.

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OTHERS BESIDES THE RAND.

THE MINER last week gave as its opinion that the war in South Africa would in no way make any difference as to the gold-mining industry in Ontario, other than to stimulate its production. It seems that others also hold to this opinion as regards other gold mining districts, and in speaking of there being a probability of a shortage in gold production because of the shutting down of the usual supply from the Rand, the New York Tribune is moved to say:

"Some stock market traders seemingly believe that the world depends upon the Transvaal for its stock of gold. And from the loose talk heard it may be assumed that certain people consider the present stoppage of the South African production permanent rather than temporary. The flow of gold from the Transvaal mines has been checked, but it is only for a time. The director of the mint, in a recent interview, said that the Cripple Creek district is now up to the Transvaal record of five years ago; that Colorado will produce more gold in 1900 than all North America yielded 10 years ago, and that Cripple Creek, with Alaska and the Klondyke, will next year exceed the Transvaal production of 1897. Evidently the world does not depend upon the South African mines. The Boer war has checked a normal movement of about $2,000,000 a week to London, and naturally the money market has been affected. But tight money in all centers will not endure as long as the war will, for the simple reason that business affairs will become readjusted to new conditions, a process which is now under way."

It is reported that so conservative a man as James B. Grant, of Omaha, chairman of the operating committee of the American Smelting & Refining Company, which practically controls the smelters of Colorado, does not hesitate to predict for 1900 a gold output of $31,000,000 from the state. The director of the United States mint says that Colorado produced more

With the Mining Public

Thos. Scott returned this week from his old home in England, where he has been for some months. He will look after his mining interests here during the summer. He says that the war still continues to be the paramount subject in England, and the excitement has been something impossible to describe.

The main shaft at the Trogan mine will be pushed to the 200 foot level as quickly as possible. The present showing is very good.

A rumor has reached town to the effect that the Boulder mine will start as soon as possible after the opening of navigation. This mine has a shaft over 250 feet deep and is well equipped with machinery.

The Combine mine is reported to be getting ready for a big season's work. It is expected that work will start on or before the fifteenth of May. The results of recent development work are very encouraging.

The contract for fifty feet of sinking on the Treasure mine has been finished by Capt. Geo. Tennant. The bottom of the shaft looks very well. It shows over three feet of quartz. Mr. Upton is expected up to inspect the work and if he thinks it necessary he will likely let a contract for another fifty feet.

A compressed plant was sent out to the Sirdar this week. It was bought from the Jas. Cooper Mfg. Co. and will be installed at once.

imports. Some of the traders refused, and one who circulated defamatory stories as to how the funds collected had been disposed of was arrested and brought up for trial, but released by his friends by main force. The government was never recognized by the imperial authorities, it having been formed without royal warrant.

Afterwards Mr. Spence was clerk at the legislative council of Manitoba from the time of organization of the province, and the clerk of the legislative assembly until 1883 or '84. He was then appointed enumerator for the Northwest Territories in the last census, afterwards acting as immigration agent in California, and coming from there to Edmonton, where he was almost immediately appointed assistant in the registry office, holding the position until death. Only a few days ago he had written to the government resigning his position, and intended next month leaving for California, where his only surviving child, a son, resides. The deceased had been married twice, his last wife having died about two years ago. At the time of his death he was 75 years of age. Death was very sudden. The deceased attended his duties as usual Wednesday, but in the evening did not feel well and a doctor was sent for. At a quarter to 12 the following day he died quite unexpectedly, death being caused by apoplexy.—Free Press.

A number of years ago Mr. Spence opened an office in Rat Portage, but after a short stay he removed to Edmonton where he secured the position in the registry office. He was known to a great many of the older residents here.

THE JUROR TURNED.

He Showed the Lawyer He Knew Some Big Ones Too.

The lawyer was just starting home after a hard day's work in the courtroom. A sedate looking man approached him and said:

"I don't know whether you remember me or not. I am one of the talesmen whom you interrogated yesterday."

"Ah?"

"There are one or two small matters that I wanted to ask you about. You seem to be a person of very superior intelligence, and I hope you will give me a few minutes. I'll walk along with you to your car so as not to waste any time. What I wanted to ask you is this: If I were to say to you that the three faces which include a triedral angle of a prism are equal in all their parts to the three faces which include a triedral angle of a second prism, each to each, and are like placed, the two prisms are equal in all their parts, what would you understand by it?"

"Why, sir—really"—

"You don't mean to tell me you are stumped by a little one like that?"

"You see, the question is a little sudden, and in order to grasp its full significance"—

"Never mind. Here's an easier one, nearer the beginning of the book. If I were to suggest to you that a certain object is a polyedron, in which two of the faces are polygons, equal in all their parts and having their homologous sides parallel, what would be the impression conveyed to your mind?"

"To be candid, I never looked into the subject very deeply."

"You don't mean to own up that you wouldn't know it was a plain, everyday prism?"

"I hadn't thought of it in that light."

"That's all. My boy, who isn't through high school, could have answered those questions without stopping to think. I feel better. You were putting on a lot of airs yesterday, but you ain't any encyclopedia. I don't believe you are even a handy compendium of useful knowledge. After this display of lamentable ignorance on your part I want to make just one suggestion. If you ever get me into court again, don't you swing at me with any more big words and try to get haughty. I've got your measure, and I'm liable to be just as supercilious as you are."—Washington Star.

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVES.

The Hottentots, the Fierce Bantu and the Puny Dwarfs.

The aborigines of South Africa were very [illegible] human scale. They were pigmies, [illegible] hollow backed, and with skins so loose that they wrinkled at the [illegible] Little tufts of wiry hair grew [illegible] heads, and they used poisoned [illegible] to kill game. They were called [illegible] by the first Europeans.

The present native occupants of the [illegible] are not descendants of [illegible] them, however. By the time Europeans reached Africa two much [illegible] races were there, gradually but [illegible] exterminating the weak little [illegible] These were the Hottentots, [illegible] from no one knows where, but [illegible] much more powerful people [illegible] They occupied the [illegible] from Walfish bay on the west, [illegible] round to Delagoa Bay on the east. [illegible] the whole of the splendid Orange river country [illegible] the rich valley of the famous Vaal.

The other race was the Bantu. Where [illegible] came originally no man knows,

Bully Boy.

The shaft on the Bully Boy is now down 125 feet and the vein looks very well on the bottom there being about thirty inches of quartz in the shaft, a cross cut opened up four feet of solid quartz that runs $20 to the ton. Capt Jones has a gang of fifteen men rushing things. They are sinking seven feet a week.

THE - NEWS - FROM NORMAN.

J. H. Grace, from Scotty Island, is in town, and reports work at that mine progressing.

E. Jacques arrived Monday from Mine Centre.

Mrs. M. Pelletier is ill with a serious attack of grippe.

F. J. Strachan arrived on Monday from the Cameron Island mine.

L. Boisvert left on Tuesday for his home in Greenwood, B.C.

A phonographic concert will be held in the Methodist church on Monday evening April 2.

Rev. Mr. Beatty will preach in the Methodist church on Sunday next on "Why we are at war in South Africa." Service at 3.15.

D. McKenzie left on a prospecting tour on Wednesday.

The R.P. Lumber Co. has let a contract to A. McQuarrie for a dry kiln 18x150 in connection with No. 4 mill. Work on it has begun.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a special General Meeting of the shareholders of the Sweden Gold Mine Company, of Ontario, Limited, will be held at the Office of the Company in the Town of Rat Portage, in the Province of Ontario, on Tuesday, the 10th day of April, A. D. 1900, at the hour of Ten O'clock in the forenoon, as and for the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of said Company for the election of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

Dated March 27th A. D. 1900.

CHAS. E. CARBERT, Secy-Treas. R. T. ROBARTS, President.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Local Improvements.

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rat Portage, Intends to construct the following Sewer as a local improvement, viz:

Cayuga street, from Centre Fork [illegible] to the centre of Second Street.

And to assess the [illegible] thereof, less the [illegible] sum, upon the property abutting thereon and to be [illegible] thereby, and that [illegible] annual [illegible] Debentures [illegible] the [illegible] fronts, or [illegible] can be ascertained from the last revised Assessment Roll, is now filed in the [illegible] the Clerk of the Municipality, and is open for inspection during office hours.

We are Ready

Lake of Woods Clothing Store

Comfortably situated in our NEW PREMISES.

Next to Post Office, 2nd street

with a new stock which must command the attention of all who want quite good Goods and proper styles.

Our Neckwear deserves a special [illegible]

Our Shoes can be always relied upon for style and quality.

Hats and Caps are stylish and [illegible] manufacture.

Clothing In this we are prepared to supply all shapes and sizes at prices that will suit you back very far, and the goods are of the best, at $5.00 to $17.00 per suit.

WE SOLICIT A CALL.

...Yours for Values.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned on or before Thursday, April 5th, 1900, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the erection of a Stone Block on the corner of Main and Fort Streets, Rat Portage. Plans and specifications may be seen, and all information obtained, at the office of the undersigned. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN KERR BRYDON,
Imperial Bank Block,
Rat Portage, Ont.

Rat Portage, March 20, 1900. 825

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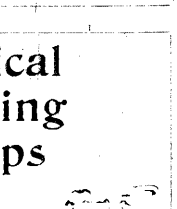
For MINE DUTIES



we can strongly recommend this Pump to those requiring its special type. The extreme convenience of the outside packed form enables it to be readily packed and taken up. The absence of the projecting valve gear, etc.

The Reliance Loan & Savings Company, of Ontario

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Buy or Build a Home

FOR YOURSELF.

IT WILL BE CHEAPER THAN PAYING RENT.

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MAIN ST., RAT PORTAGE.

reason that business affairs will become readjusted to new conditions, a process which is now under way."

It is reported that so conservative a man as James B. Grant, of Omaha, chairman of the operating committee of the American Smelting & Refining Company, which practically controls the smelters of Colorado, does not hesitate to predict for 1900 a gold output of $31,000,000 from the state. The director of the United States mint says that Colorado produced more gold in 1897 than the whole North American continent did 10 years ago.

Other American camps also report increased production. And in this connection it should be thoroughly understood that Ontario henceforth must be recognized as a producer of gold bullion. Our product last year, practically from one mine, was half a million dollars. It is safe to claim that $2,000,000 will be produced in 1900, and from now on the increase will be of a volume sufficient to attract the attention of the world.

DEATH OF THOS. SPENCE.

A Well Known Prominent Figure in the West Passes Away.

The death is announced from Edmonton of Mr. Thos. Spence, one of the most prominent figures in Manitoba's early history, and who is still remembered by many Winnipeggers. Mr. Spence, for the last time and a half years, has occupied the position of assistant in the registry office at Edmonton. Previous to coming to Edmonton, says the Bulletin, Mr. Spence led a very active life, and in the early days of Manitoba was very prominently connected with some of the first governments of the district formed in the troubles of the early existence. Born in England to Canada in 1824, 1873, will, the party of engineers sent out to erect forts at Point Douglas and other wards in 1874 came west. The then almost unknown Red River and at once became a prominent figure in its political history. Hill's "History of Manitoba," MacBeth's "Making of the Canadian West," and Hargrave's "Red River," all follow the prominent career of Thos. Spence in the days preceding the organization of the province.

Hargrave's book states that "on this arrival in the settlement he became at once regarded as a politician, and lost no opportunity of representing himself as such," and mentions how he convened a public meeting in the court room for the purpose of memorializing the imperial government to be received into and form a part of the federation of British North America. An opposition annexation meeting was held, and exciting times followed. Mr. Spence afterward practiced law and conveyancing, and during this time was the prime mover in sending an invitation to the Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Lord and of the Red River settlement, asking his royal highness to visit them. The invitation was decidedly unique. The material on which it was written was the inner bark of a birch tree, surrounded with a heavy gilt border. A year or so later a republic was formed of the present province of Manitoba, and Mr. Spence was elected president. To run a government it was necessary to have funds, and the president and his council decided to raise it by taxation of are very encouraging.

The contract for fifty feet of sinking on the Treasure claim has been finished by Capt. Geo. Tetrant. The bottom of the shaft looks very well. It shows over three feet of quartz. Mr. Upton is expected up to inspect the work and if he thinks it necessary he will likely let a contract for another fifty feet.

A compressor plant was sent out to the Sinclair this week. It was bought from the Jas. Cooper Mfg. Co. and will be installed at once.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE ... 25c.

is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Heals the ulcers, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the throat and permanently cures Catarrh. Hay Fever, Blower free. All dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

News From Michopicoten.

Many eyes are turned toward the Michipicoten mining division on the north shore of Lake Superior as the opening of navigation approaches. The district is becoming much active ity in the field during the past winter that will be materially augmented as soon as lake travel is open.

Work on the new Bland has been rapidly throughout the winter and the plant is now equipped to within one mile of Wawa Lake, located on the beautiful lake of the same name about seven miles from Lake Superior.

Among the men working through the winter are Robinson and Minto miners. The Wawa Gold mining company will be among the first to commence work in the spring. This company has a good property adjoining the Manitou and shafts on the same with a few Minto, and only a short distance from it with walls of the main well on the and at a depth of 40 feet is 60 feet wide.

There are several shafts down 100 feet in the district and all have rich showings in gold.

Zion Church Entertainment.

Last Tuesday evening the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church gave a social which was very well attended. The program was made up of the following numbers: piano duet, Misses Des Brisay and Weidman, song Miss Elliott, song Mrs. Alexander, song Mrs. Barnes, song Harold Clark, song H. Langford, reading Miss Jones, violin solo J. Sickless. The program was well received. After the program the ladies served the assemblage with refreshments. The proceeds were devoted to pay for the installation of waterworks in the parsonage. The social is the eighth and last of a series given this winter of a literary and musical nature and the promoters of the series have reason to be proud of their success.

Concert at Mikado.

A patriotic concert is announced for Saturday night at the Mikado mine. The Misses Sutherlands, A. Milne, R. Fisher and others will take part in the program. It is under the auspices of the patriotic fund and promises to be a great success.

Sheriff's Sale.

Yesterday morning the furniture stock of Klippert & Co. was sold by sheriff sale for $1,200, which is about 60 cents on the dollar.

plains and jungles are not descendants of the bushmen, however. By the time Europeans reached Africa two much stronger races were there, gradually but surely exterminating the weak little bushmen. These were the Hottentots, who came from no one knows where, but who are a much more powerful people physically. They occupied the coast from Walvisch bay, on the west, nearly round to Delagoa Bay, on the east, and the whole of the splendid Orange river country, also the entire valley of the famous Vaal.

The other race was the Bantu. Where it came from originally no man knows, but they show indubitable traces of an oriental blood mixture. The Bantu were a fine, powerful negro people, and from being sparsely settled over a native tribe and people which has amounted to anything since. The Zulus of today are nearer to pure Bantu than any other people. The Matabeles and the Basutos are in fact, every match tribe that has really disputed the white man's occupation is of more or less pure Bantu blood.

When the whites crossed South Africa, the Bantu were occupied practically all of South Africa except the coasts and vast

Two Opinions.

Chelsea Journal: both these advertisements appeared in a daily paper on the same day.

A lady's purse, lost brown in good condition, gold engraved medallion on side, initials A. H. H. Finder can keep purse and will receive additional reward by returning to Mrs. A. H. H. Bond. A lady's purse, brown, with some trimmings, initials A. H. H. Contains two pennies, nine samples of patented recipe for making the Sunshine polish, list of toilet preparations, two cough lozenges and a box of tin salve. Owner can have the same by applying to B. W. street.—London Answers.

Hard to Decide.

Sir Edward Sassoon is going to have my picture taken. A good deal depends upon the nose, don't you know. Now, what kind of a position do you think would be best for me?

Beerwig—Well, I don't know. I was going to say with your back to the camera, but then your hair is rather thin behind.—Boston Transcript.

A New York physician declares that short stooping is the worst thing for [illegible] formed in the proper

It has been demonstrated that steamers are 20 per cent safer than sailing vessels.

Through the efforts of Winnipeg's new member, Mr. Puttee, the prairie city will have branch post offices established at once.

An addition will be built to the municipal buildings this spring in order to make more accommodation for the firemen, and it is also the intention to have the waterworks offices removed to the town building as soon as the improvements are complete.

A number of our young people under the chaperonage of Mrs. Aylesworth have formed a dancing class to meet every week in Rice's hall. The young people are being instructed in the graceful art by Miss Fisher.

The Bachelors Association held a meeting Wednesday night to make arrangements for the ball, which will be held the first Friday after Easter.

Manager McMillan arrived in town from the Mikado mine and reported the biggest yield last week of any week in the history of the mine. The representative of THE MINER asked for the exact figure, and Mr. McMillan replied, "two girls and a boy."

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Chipman Street, from Centre, Fort Street to the centre of Second Street.

And to assess the final cost thereof, less the Town's share, upon the property abutting thereon, and to be benefited thereby, and that a statement showing the sums liable to pay the said assessments, so far as they can be ascertained from the last revised Assessment Roll, is now filed in the office of the Clerk of the Municipality, and is open for inspection during office hours.

The estimated cost of the proposed work is as follows:

Total ...	$385.00.
Town's ...	125.00.
Rat Portage ...	192.00.

Take notice that the above improvements will be undertaken by the Council and the assessment of the owners share of the cost thereof will be made upon the properties benefited thereby, unless that two-thirds of such owners, representing at least one-half the value thereof, petition the Council against the same within one week from the last publication of this notice, which will be on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1900.

Rat Portage, March 26th, 1900.

D. H. CURRIE,
Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of JAMES DODDS of the Village of Norman in the District of Rainy River, General Merchant, Insolvent,

NOTICE is hereby given that James Dodds the above named insolvent, has this day made an assignment to me for the general benefit of his creditors, in pursuance of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, chapter 147 and amending Acts.

A meeting of the creditors of the said Insolvent will be held at the offices of Messrs. Boyce & Draper, Solicitors, Wewker Building, Rat Portage, on **Friday the 6th day of April, A.D. 1900**, at the hour of 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a statement of affairs, to appoint inspectors and for giving directions for the disposal of the said estate. And notice is hereby given that all creditors having claims against the said estate are hereby required to transmit the same to the undersigned, duly verified by affidavit, and that on and after the 17th day of April I may proceed to distribute the said estate among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims of which I shall have had notice in manner aforesaid, prior to such date.

Dated at Rat Portage this 27th day of March, 1900.

HAROLD HARVEY, ASSIGNEE,
Rat Portage, Ont.

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Week Commencing

Monday Apr 2

The Wonderful Picture Machine

The Kinetograph

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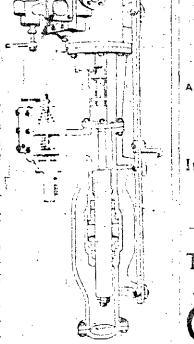

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we can strongly recommend this Pump to those requiring its special type. The extreme convenience of the outside packed form enables it to be readily packed and taken up. The absence of the projecting valve gear, etc. is a feature in avoiding breakages during hoisting and lowering in the confined space where these pumps are used. It is fitted with convenient suspending hooks and the piping arrangement takes up the least possible space. Mining superintendents and those interested in Mining Machinery would consult their interests by sending for catalogue and quotations before installing their plants. We manufacture Pumping Machinery for every conceivable duty.

NORTHEY Mfg. Co. Toronto. Limited.

Good Seasonable Advice

Buy your spring outfit from us. We're in the custom tailoring line exclusively. Hence we are better prepared to give you ordered clothing that will fit better, is more stylishly cut and better trimmed and tailored than any house in the west.

Our spring goods are all in and are open for your inspection. Come and see us we're always pleased to see you.

A. S. CUTHBERT
CASH TAILOR,
Oddfellows' Block, - Fort Street.

TOWN CHIMNEY SWEEP

HAVING been appointed by the Council to see that all Chimneys are swept twice a year, I will call on you as soon as possible.

Parties wishing work done at once kindly leave orders at Kelley's Office, Gibson Block, or address

STEPHEN GARNETT
BOX 251.

NO FINES.
NO FEES.
NO FORFEITURES.

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Some Snaps in Property

EASY TERMS.

A double house and lot on Colonna Ave.

Two story house and lot on Second street. A great bargain.

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Real Estate, Loans and Insurance

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Awnings for private residences.

A full line of TENTS kept in stock.

Prospectors' Packsacks A SPECIALTY.

Flags of all Nations made to order.

Sole manufacturers of the patent MOSQUITO BAR.

Leave your orders early at ...

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Moth Balls
Flake
Naphthalene

To Preserve
..Furs..

It is necessary to use either of the above liberally.

The NAPHTHALENE is also useful to sprinkle under Carpets.

Johnson's Pharmacy

AGENTS FOR
DIAMOND DYE
RUG PATTERNS.

Our Sporting Column

RAGES AND HOCKEY.

Possible Winding up of Ice Sports on Saturday Night.

Last Saturday night a large crowd gathered in the rink to see the sports. The first event to be pulled off was the mile race. The contestants were: Brown, G. Bellefuille and Willie Bellefuille. The race was quite exciting the gentlemen alternating in pacing. Finally G. Bellefuille took a spurt which Brown was unable to follow and Bellefuille crossed the tape a winner by about ten feet, time 3m. 12sec. The three mile event had the same entries as the mile. The race was very even up to two miles when Brown took the pace and kept increasing his lead until he crossed the line about a mile ahead, time 9m. 5sec.

The hockey players thereafter put on the ice the two contesting teams. The Lumbermen and the Schools. The line up of the teams as follows:

Lumbermen		Schools
W. Bellefuille	goal	S. Griffis
L. Dahoge	point	Martin
[illegible]	cover	Beaudro
[illegible]	forwards	Phillips
[illegible]		Hooper
[illegible]		McMurchy
[illegible]		Clark

It should be noticed that the Lumbermen had two players who did not belong to their team so that they were not able to play strange men which was an advantage. The play was very lively and it looked for a time as if the boys ones game. Finally shot one for the schools and that several of our hockey players will drop into the ranks beside the usual accumulations.

There is strong talk of building a new rink, as the present one was found to be unsatisfactory. If such a move is made it will undoubtedly be fitted up in proper style and have probably five sheets of ice.

The Spirit of the North.

It is rarely in a town of the size of Rat Portage that one has the opportunity of reviewing a work written by a local person, and it is with a great deal of pleasure that we have perused "The Spirit of the North, and Other Poems," written by A. Evelyn Gunne. Mrs. Gunne is the wife of Dr. Gunne, one of Rat Portage's leading practitioners, and aside from her literary bent, is a very talented woman.

However, the poetry that strikes the heart must be written by one who feels the same spirit that he or she attempts to depict, and we think these poems should take first rank in our Canadian literature. Mrs. Gunne certainly knows the folk-lore, and many of the poems in the little book have a local bearing which certainly will appeal to Canadian readers.

The metre is good and [illegible] possesses the true feeling, as may be observed by the following, headed "A Greeting":

[illegible] rises at first a distant way [illegible]
[illegible] faintly struggling [illegible] night
[illegible] communicates, Yet [illegible]
[illegible] soul to fresh endeavor [illegible] light.
[illegible] arrangement and depth [illegible] draw.
The curtain of the present [illegible] our way
But look beyond, the dawn will break and still
Shine more and more into the perfect day.

In short the little book is interesting on every page and contains much food for reflection. The book may be had at Johnsen's Pharmacy and at G. W. Smith's bookstore. Price twenty-five cents.

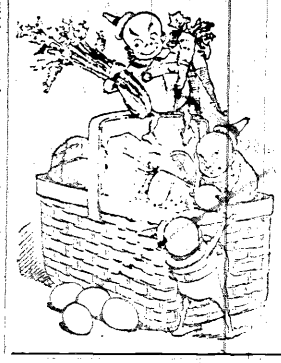
From Mine Centre.

O. B. Robinson, of the Foley mine, and Don Taylor, of the firm of Taylor Cruso & Son, drove down from Mine Centre on Tuesday. When seen by a Herald representative Mr. Robinson said that there was not much talking being done in that country at the present time, but, that all the properties that were working were doing it with a vigor and determination that was far more convincing than words. The Foley has a force of sixteen miners at work sinking and drifting, and that more will be added as needed. It is not the intention of the company to start the mill before they have enough to keep it at a steady pound. Engineer Whitely returned from his visit to Winnipeg and Duluth on Saturday last and in conjunction with Mr. Armour will at once commence the opening up of the Grebl property near Sturgeon falls. The prospects for the Seine district are very promising at the present time and point to an active future. Rainy Lake Herald.

JAMES I. HALSTEAD DEAD

The Father of S. V. Halstead Passes Away at Cedar Springs, Ont.

Chatham Banner, Mar. 22nd, 1900. Another well-known resident died last Saturday in the person of James I. Halstead, at the residence of his



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THE TOWN COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the town council was held on Monday night. All the councillors were present. Acting Mayor Deacon took the chair in the absence of Mayor McCarthy, who has not yet returned from his trip to the east.

Communications were received from Louis Hilliard, T. W. Taylor, Public School Board, G.A. Stinson & Co., J. R. Gray, Toronto; J.R. Roy, D. Campbell, D.H. Austin, Mayor McCarthy, A. Young, Rat Portage Hardware Co., T.E. Smith, J.K. Brydon, Dr. Bryce, Toronto; P.H. Austin, D.H. Currie, Sec. Board of Health, M. Rothschild, W.A. Weir, H.R. Woodley, Electric Light Co., P.H. Clark, Mechanics' Institute, G.P. Phillips.

Mr. Neads addressed the council on the matter of a regulation oil storage.

McQuarrie—Hudson—That the requests of J.K. Brydon, with reference to the removal of sidewalk be granted, subject to provisions of bylaw governing the same.

Rice—Edmison—That the communication re sale of debentures from W. A. Weir be referred to finance committee with power to act.

P.H. Clark addressed the council on behalf of residents of Sixth st. regarding waterworks connections.

A deputation of the public library board, headed by W.B. Towers, asked that a larger grant be made to the library than has been made in past years. Mr. Towers addressed the council, enumerating the necessities of the library.

The communication of Mr. Phillips was referred to the board of works.

The board of work committee recommended that the town buy rock crusher, also an electric dynamo, as it was the opinion of the board that the electrical power was most economical.

It was moved by Couns. Edmison and seconded by Couns. Rice, "That, whereas there is upon the northern control of the government of Canada; and,

"That copies of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada; and to the Hon. G. W. Ross, premier of Ontario; and to the Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, premier of Manitoba."

Couns. Hudson and Edmison were appointed a committee to confer with the waterworks commissioners with a view to procuring permanent offices.

The bylaw regulating the hanging of signs and awnings, and to regulate pedestrian traffic on the streets was amended so that the order now is that no awning at its lowest point will be less than 7½ feet from the sidewalk, and that no sign must extend over 2½ feet from the street line, and that loafers on the sidewalks will be arrested instead of being told to move on.

Then council then adjourned.

People look round at a nice head of hair on the street, so rare has that beautiful ornament become at the present day. Why is this? It certainly is not the fault of LUBY'S Parisian Hair Renewer, which is an almost infallible remedy against premature grey hair. Only 50 cents a bottle.

The Rat Portage Methodist.

The latest addition to the journalistic field of Rat Portage is the "Rat Portage Methodist." It is a 4-page neatly printed monthly and is filled with church news and views of the different societies of the church. Rev. F. B. Stacey, of Zion church, is the editor, and Mr. A. T. Fitt, business manager. If you wish to become a subscriber just hand Mr. Fitt 25 cents and give him your name.

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BANK of OTTAWA
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Capital Subscribed, -	$1,994,900
Capital Paid Up, - -	1,731,080

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The spot to buy your

Boots & Shoes....

All our spring goods have arrived, and if you want the BEST THAT MONEY WILL BUY we have them both BLACK and TAN.

Children's Shoes for school a SPECIALTY.

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Children's Carriages NOW IN

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Goal	cover	Beaudro
Lyon	forwards	Phillips
Dubuque		Hooper
Macdonald		McMurtry
Lazzo		Clark

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Championship Unsettled.

So far nothing has yet happened to decide which team wins the trophy. Engagements were spoiled so much that it is no longer it for us to say. No games will remain about the games to be played it is unlikely that the people will be handed over under there's a great change in the worth the final. Parents are the Wonder to the school. The hockey boys will probably lay away their skates and look for future interest will follow what is the outcome be.

Curling Finished.

On Saturday afternoon H. Austin and Clark played off the finals of the curling rinks competition for the Scotia Cup. The game was very good with Austin in the lead till the seventeen end when Austin, in the next end Clark got four making it 12-10. Then Austin got one making it 12-11. The excitement was very exciting, Austin had two stones and it was Clark's last stone, he could have raised his own in but he took a little too much and it was a little narrow he struck a guard and lost. Austin has the cup. He thanks he will get it back.

The Family Compact won the [illegible] prize, a pair of stones, and in the final play of the stones were [illegible] and Clark, who defeated Gordon [illegible].

The rink have not finished with the stones put up by resident in the interclub competition. They will probably have to do [illegible].

A game of rink Saturday morning [illegible] to Dewart's rinks in the Scotch Cup competition and now they have eight [illegible]. It is not believed it would [illegible] the [illegible] curling [illegible].

[illegible] to the point contributed [illegible] to E. Hodgson.

[illegible] been an immense success this season and it promises to be even more so next year. Several prominent business men have signified their intention of becoming active members and it is more than likely the present time and point to an active future. Rainy Lake Herald.

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The Father of S. V. Halstead Passes Away at Cedar Springs Ont.

Chatham Banner, March 22nd, 1900. Another well-known resident died last Saturday in the person of James I. Halstead, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. G. C. Scott, Cedar Springs, in the 76th year of his age.

Deceased was born in the County of Leeds, near the old town of Gananoque of old Puritan stock, and could trace the record of his ancestors back to the landing of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock. He is the last of a large family.

By occupation, he was a lumberman and one of the best known in Ontario, being connected with the firm of Yale and Halstead in the County of Norfolk. He also lumbered in the States of Michigan, but for [illegible] years has not continued.

In 1857 he married Miss [illegible] M. Spencell, Thorndale, Township, Oxford county, who died in Kansas [illegible] about thirty years ago. Mrs. [illegible] Scott, Cedar Springs, is a daughter and S. V. Halstead, now of Rat Portage, but formerly of this city, is a son. The funeral took place last Monday to the Maple Leaf cemetery, services being conducted by the Rev. [illegible] of Cedar Springs, and Rev. [illegible] Thornton.

Ladies Orange Lodge.

The ladies lodge of ladies L.O.L. No. 2 one of its most attractive and distinctive features. The ladies have had and little social affairs during the winter, and have also put out circulars assisted the members of the L.O.L. and lost in their social functions, both to the gratification and pleasure their members. The latest social the ladies held the students' a successful party on Friday night last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] one of the most popular people in Orange circles in Rat Portage. Advantage was also taken of the occasion to present Miss Horner, the retiring secretary of the lodge, with a token of good [illegible] and a nice tea set, and Mrs. Horner with a beautiful fruit dish. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Annas, Mr. and Mrs. McCannon, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Dowsley, Mrs. Weidman, Mr. Monteith, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Norberg, Miss Horner, Miss Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Proudlock.

Looking for Business.

Chas. J. Gray, traveling agent of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway, was in Rat Portage this week sizing up the situation regarding the business of the coming summer. Speaking to THE MINER he said there was an unusual amount of interest being shown in St. Paul, Minneapolis and other cities across the border in the development of the mineral resources of the Lake of the Woods and Seine river districts. It was on account of this interest and the consequent business that would arise from it that his company thought it advisable for him to visit Rat Portage. The arrangements for the excursion to the gold fields from the twin cities and other points are being perfected, and it is now certain that the biggest influx of moneyed men that we have yet had will occur the latter end of May or the beginning of June.

Mr. Towers addressed the council, enumerating the necessities of the library.

The communication of Mr. Phillips was referred to the board of works.

The board of works committee recommended that the town buy a rock crusher, also an electric dynamo, as it was the opinion of the board that the electrical power was most economical.

It was moved by Coun. Edmison and seconded by Coun. Rice, "That, whereas there is upon the northern shores of the Lake of the Woods, a population of about 13,000 souls in the rapidly growing towns of Keewatin, and Rat Portage and at the mines adjacent thereto, and, whereas,

"In the southern part of the district of Rainy River there is a large and rapidly growing population engaged in mining and agricultural pursuits; and, whereas the head offices of many of the companies doing business in this district are at Rat Portage and large quantities of freight and many passengers are carried over this route during the season of navigation; and, whereas,

"Great loss and inconvenience are annually suffered by the people of this district owing to the bad state of navigation at one or two points on Rainy River; therefore, be it resolved, that,

"In the opinion of this council, the rapidly increasing agricultural and mining interests of the district render it most necessary that the government of Canada should immediately improve these points in Rainy river, either by the construction of a lock or by such other means as may be deemed most advisable, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, and to A. E. Dyment, M.P., with the respectful request that the matter be given immediate and favorable consideration."

It was moved by Couns. Cameron and McQuarrie, "That, whereas a line of railway is now being constructed to connect the great western grain, timber, and mineral lands of the Dominion of Canada with the head of deep water navigation at Lake Superior, and, whereas,

"This council learns that a large amount of public money is to be granted by way of subsidies by the governments of Canada and the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba to Rainy River Railway Company and to the Manitoba & Southeastern Railway Company being parts of the said road now under construction; and whereas,

"It appears to be the purpose of the companies or persons constructing this line that a large part of the said road shall be constructed through a foreign country; and, whereas,

"This may leave shippers of goods from one part of Canada to another subject to great possible inconvenience and burdens, through vexatious alterations in the regulations relating to bonding privileges by a foreign state; and, whereas,

"The southern part of the westerly portion of this province is at present well supplied with transportation by way of the Lake of the Woods and Rainy river, and Rainy lake, except for one small and easily removed inconvenience; and, whereas,

"A line further north would open up and greatly enhance the value of the land to the north of Rainy River; therefore, be it resolved, that,

"It is in the opinion of this council the patriotic duty of the government of Canada, and of the Provinces of Manitoba and Ontario before granting any public moneys or lands to this or those companies or persons or any of them, to use every possible effort to have the road constructed entirely upon Canadian soil and subject to the

and give him your name.

THE

BANK of OTTAWA

Head Office, Ottawa, Canada.

Capital Subscribed, - $1,994,900
Capital Paid Up, - - 1,731,080
Rest, - $1,403,310

Transacts a General Banking Business

Special attention given to collections.

Rat Portage Branch,
F. R. GODWIN, Manager.

Popular Wants.

WANTED Female Cook. Apply to W. Clarke restaurant, Main street.

TO RENT First class 17 room house. Apply to Dr. Edmison. tf.

TO LET—The dwelling rooms now occupied by C. W. Chadwick in the Clougher Block. Apply room 2. 31-3

TO LET—4 room house near corner of Mining and Fifth streets, to rent at $8 per month. Apply Sheriff Carpenter, Court House, Rat Portage.

TO LET—On May 1st, Store and dwelling over, now occupied by Mr. Allan Young of the Lake of the Woods Clothing Store. Apply to C. W. Chadwick.

FOR SALE or exchange a good horse, apply to Robt. Graham, blacksmith, Fort street, Rat Portage.

WANTED A small Tug Steam Boat, on Lake of Woods. State lowest cash prices, full particulars of Boat, Boiler, Engine, speed and fuel consumed per hour while working at full capacity. Address Crotty & Cross, Winnipeg, Man.

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Miss Lockington

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care of MINER.

SHORTHAND Class, Monday and Thursday evenings, 7 p.m., commencing Monday Jan. 15. French Classes re-open Tuesday Jan. 9. Kindergarten French Class (children under ten) commencing Saturday, Jan. 13. Private lessons in French and German, Music and English Subjects.
Applications by mail to
MISS FISHER, P. O.

Children's Carriages NOW IN

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RIDEOUT & TURNER'S

Go Carts and Carriers

WHOLESALERS have advanced prices Freight Rates have increased We will be compelled to follow.

BUT will give special prices until spring. THIS IS NO TRADE CATCH.

Rideout & Turner

Phone 72. Cor. Second and Lily St.

Cabbage

A nice lot in to-day and going quick.

What! Its too bad

That you haven't had a [illegible] get our

Fish. Fish.

Tom Cods, Smelts, Fresh Mackerel, Lake Superior Trout and Herrings, White Fish, Finnan Haddies, etc., etc.

Bread, Cakes,
or our Home-made Candies.

You can secure it now in all the principal grocery stores, or give us your order and we will deliver it to you FRESH EVERY DAY from the

Jas. Gibson's
Cor. Matheson & Fort Sts.

Norman Steam Bakery
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Proprietor.

The Scott & Hudson
BUILDING CO., LIMITED

LAKESIDE BAKERY.
J. FORTIER, Prop.

NOTICE is hereby given that a general Annual Meeting of the above company will be held at the company's office in the town of Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, on Monday, April 9th, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors for the past year, the report of the auditors, the election of officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the said meeting.

Dated at Rat Portage this 15th day of March, 1900.

F. A. HUDSON,
Secretary.

The above named Bakery will be ready for business on or about April the 10th. It will make a specialty of

Home-made Bread.
Rye Bread.
Wheat bread Graham Bread and Buns.

JOSEPH FORTIER, Prop.

HANDLING TROOPS.

The Striking Feature Has Been the Secrecy of Transportation to the Front.

THE RAILWAY ADMIRABLY HANDLED.

FRESH BREAD IS SUPPLIED DAILY AND FROZEN MEAT FROM AUSTRALIA ALMOST EVERY DAY.

A long letter from its Cape Town correspondent appears in a recent number of the London Times, describing "Some Things Which Have Gone Well." The carrying on of the war in South Africa involves, the correspondent points out, the transportation of 70,000 troops from distant points, and their supply on a line 750 miles long, 500 miles from the base. The problem before the supply departments therefore has been difficult, wholly apart from any strategical problems.

In the debarkation of troops, the correspondent writes: "At this end of their journey the arrangements for bringing the transports alongside the shore, for landing the men and horses and for unloading the stores were everywhere admirable. At Cape Town and Durban, where there were proper harbors, the soldiers were, as a rule, promptly marched out of the ship into lines standing ready on the other side of the quay, and run up to the front before they had time to realize they had landed in South Africa. A striking feature of the despatch of troops," the correspondent continues, "has been the secrecy of the whole operation. Secrecy invaluable in a land warming with spies. As a rule the destination of a military train was kept secret until within a few hours of its arrival at De Aar, when a telegram would go up to the railway authorities there with instructions where to forward it."

The supply and forwarding of those troops could not have been managed had not the railway been handled admirably. Even before the war the chief traffic manager of the Cape government roads, which are narrow gauge affairs, assumed the organization of traffic undeterred by the neutrality or worse of the ministers, whose subordinate he was. The station ministers stood by the manager, and acted as spies and agents for the

The following instructive table is taken from the Montreal Herald:

	Killed.	Wounded.
South African war	2,418	8,748
Pittsburg Landing	1,754	8,408
Second Bull Run	1,747	8,452
Antietam	2,108	9,549
Chancellorsville	1,606	9,612
Chickamauga	1,656	9,717
Wilderness	2,246	12,037
Spottsylvania	2,725	13,416
Cold Harbor	1,845	9,077
Gettysburg	3,155	14,529

The above shows that in several battles of the American civil war the losses were greater than during the whole of the South African war so far.

QUICKLY AND WELL SERVED.

Our store is modernized in every department that properly pertains to the drug business. Our patrons are quickly and well served, and go away satisfied that we are worthy of their confidence.

As in the past, Paine's Celery Compound still ranks as our leading family medicine. Its marvellous curing record is sufficient to recommend it to every ailing man and woman. A full supply of the genuine Paine's Celery Compound always in stock. Johnson's Pharmacy, Rat Portage. Out.

THE HOME DOCTOR.

A tiny piece of lemon peel eaten just before taking medicine will do away with much of the nasty taste.

Cod liver oil is a simple tonic for children who take cold easily and have enlarged glands about the neck and throat. Given in lemon juice it is not unpleasant to take, and children get to like it.

Thick blood causes colds and countless other diseases. Keep the lungs active by deep breathing, the skin by baths and friction, the kidneys by free drafts of warm water, the bowels by correct eating, and the blood will be pure.

Not to His Taste.

Wiggs—Skinner has just returned a book he borrowed.

Jiggs—Didn't he like it?

Wiggs—Yes. Why do you ask?

Jiggs—You say he returned it.

Itching, Bleeding Piles.

Mr. W. G. Plyath, proprietor Bodeg Hotel, 31 Wellington Street E., Toronto, says: "While living in Chicago I was in terrible shape with itching and bleeding piles. I tried several of the best physicians and was burnt and tortured in various ways by their treatments to no avail, besides spending a mint of money to no purpose. Since coming to Toronto I learned of Dr. Chase's Ointment. I used but one box and have not been troubled with piles in any shape or form since."

Precipience.

"Here, you've handed this actor the wrong—"

"What's the matter with it?"

"You call it 'Chicago's Experience With Grand Opera.' It ought to be

LAUGHING GAS.

A Word From Winter.

Though a-staying
And a-straying
With the zephyrs I have been,
I'm a sprinter;
Wild old winter
With a bound is coming in.

I will humble
Men who grumble
At my "antics." When pipes burst,
They'll know whether
Springlike weather
In midwinter is the worst.

When the plumber
Plumbs, even summer
Would seem welcome, when he's paid,
Empty purses
Will ruin nurses
That I stopped my masquerade.

Will the growlers
And the scowlers—
All the folk who on me frown—
Like me better
When I fetter
Every way and wires are down?

I'm a ranger,
Myth and fear,"
I'm a "freak, a tramp, a theory;"
Those they're talking,
Yet of solid
Facts I'll prove the most concrete.

They'll remember
This December
About Arctic friendship,
Warming blizzards
Freeze their gizzards
While I linger in spring's way!

—Boston Globe.

Horrible Thought.

"You know, I presume," said the member of the family who had visited Washington and gazed upon the nation's archives, "that the original Declaration of Independence can scarcely be deciphered at all nowadays. The ink with which it was written has faded till only faint traces of the words remain."

"Gracious!" exclaimed the sweet young thing. "When it all fades away, will Great Britain have a right to come over and take the country?"—Chicago Tribune.

Complimentary.

Herr Knickerig of the public service has received a decoration from the reigning prince. On the next audience day he is received by the prince and manages to stammer out his thanks.

"But you are not wearing your decoration!" exclaimed the prince.

"No, your highness," replies Knickerig. "I prize it too highly to wear it on any but [illegible]"—Lustige Blatter.

Just Thinking.

[illegible]

COVERED WITH SORES.

B.B.B. cured little Harvey Deline nine years ago and he has never had a spot on him since.

IT is practically impossible to heal up sores or ulcers, especially the old chronic kind, with ordinary remedies.

No matter how large or of how long standing they may be, however, they heal up readily and stay healed permanently when Burdock Blood Bitters is used.

HARVEY DELINE.

Mrs. E. Deline, Arden, Ont., proves this in the following account she gave of her little boy's case: "When my little son Harvey was one year old he broke out in sores all over his body. They would break up for a time, then break out again about twice a year, till he was past four; then he seemed to get worse and was completely prostrated. When doctors failed to cure him I gave him Burdock Blood Bitters, and besides bathed the sores with it.

"It is nine years ago since this happened and I must say that in all this time he has never had a spot on his body or any sign of the old trouble returning."

To Advertisers.

It is absolutely necessary in order to insure insertion that all changes for advertisements for THE MINER should be in the office by Thursday at noon. It is impossible for us to crowd two days' work into half a day, and do justice to the work. Advertisers will, therefore, kindly see that they have their changes in by Thursday noon.

FLOORED THE FOREIGNERS.

The Big Bluffs That a Cheeky American Worked While Abroad.

"[illegible] for [illegible]" said [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible] college [illegible] Yale [illegible] Now [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

troops could not have been managed had not the railway been handled admirably. Even before the war the chief traffic manager of the Cape government roads, which are narrow guage affairs, assumed the organization of traffic and terred by the neutrality or worse of the ministers, whose subordinate he was. The station masters stood by the manager, and acted as spies and agents for the British. When the army appeared the military director of railways decided to let the railway people run the road, and perfected a system of co-operation between them and the military. He is a military counterpart to the civilian general managers, his assistants represent the chief traffic managers, and so on; most of the assistants and deputy assistants having had experience in managing government roads in India and Burma. The government is paying the railways . . . per truck per mile, irrespective of the contents of the truck; and what with railway men to load and army officers to throw out unnecessary luggage — the mahogany mess table of a crack cavalry regiment, for instance, which it was hoped might be carried up to the firing line — the arrangement works out to about one farthing per mile for each man, 3 farthings for each horse and 5 farthings for each ton of freight.

The military traffic has . . . little with the ordinary traffic . . . of course a few through trains have been taken off. The capacity of the western line of the Cape . . . railways is so . . . on the central line . . . the eastern line . . . ending Jan. 24 . . . 7,000 men, 3,000 animals . . . with 750 tons of ammunition . . . 4,184 tons of supplies . . . membered that the road . . . guage, that the . . . that road has to . . . from the coast.

The supply de . . . pondent says . . . aged and kept . . . stantly . . . daily; an . . . most daily . . . why w . . . of the . . . is been . . . [illegible] . . . avoided . . . have heard of men . . . without food for . . . it seems evident that the administrative departments of the British army in South Africa have been managed efficiently, even though until the arrival of Lord Roberts, the executive departments appeared at a disadvantage.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

pose. Since coming to Toronto I learned of Dr. Chase's Ointment. I used but one box and have not been troubled with piles in any shape or form since."

Precedence.

"Here, you've headed this article wrong."

"What's the matter with it?"

"You call it 'This Girl's Experience With Grand Opera.' It ought to be 'Grand Opera's Experience With Chicago.'"—Indianapolis Journal.

Regular Procedure.

He proposed to . . . congressman's daughter,
The maiden . . . and so prettily;
And at . . . she
Said . . . will be
Referred to . . . committee."
—Chicago Tribune.

Poor Charlie.

Mother—What has become of Charlie? I haven't seen him . . . morning.

Daughter—He's in Uncle John's room. Uncle John is . . . Charlie's photograph by the . . . process, and that always takes . . . hours.—Tammany Times.

No Re-election Needed.

One . . .
We . . .
But . . .
The . . .
—Chicago Record.

Friendly Suggestion.

"There will soon be . . . electric cabs running in New York."

"People who . . . streets to cross will do well . . . now."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A JUSTIFIABLE DESIRE.

The large . . . of people very naturally . . . desire that the physician . . . should be filled by a . . . druggist. On . . . [illegible]

Lace Made From Hair.

[illegible] . . . It was, in fact, . . . mixed with flax.

A Czar's Novel Visiting Card.

The Russians tell a story of the late Czar Alexander III that upon the rare occasions when it was incumbent upon him to pay a call he would take a gold coin bearing his image and superscription and, twisting it between thumb and finger, leave it in lieu of a card, the only man in Russia with strength for the feat.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Our dull army leads the way
To quell a rebellion—no "tactics," you know,
To hurry things up—but today
There is trouble at home, for the cook's on a strike.
Because she must get up at eight,
So I can't go to war in the way I should like;
I try to be cheerful and wait—
But I'm thinking.

I am thinking, sometimes, that I'll start life anew,
Live over again all the years,
Do none of the things that I ought not to do,
But be noble and perfect, my dears.
'Tis a tender, sweet dream, from my earliest youth,
Or a promise that somehow went wrong;
You make this fair promise, my children, in truth,
And I pray that you'll keep it for long—
But I'm thinking.
—Chicago Record.

It Might Be Worse.

Mrs. Crossley—I should think it would break your heart to give your daughter up. She has been such a companion to you.

Mrs. Wellby—It would be almost too much to bear, only the young man she is to marry has lots of money and will be able to support her without any help from us whatever.—Chicago Times-Herald.

The Fair Day Friend.

Oh, where are the friends you knew
In the days when you toiled away—
In the days when your friends were few—
The old friends, where are they?
. . . for men
. . . down on you then
As one of meaner metal;
While you flourish your wealth
They will drink to your health
And always expect you to settle.

When the dark days come again,
. . . door;
Go back to the old haunts then
And the friends you knew before;
Everybody's your friend
While you've money to spend,
. . . while you're in clover,
. . . price
. . . advice
To give when your sunshine is over.
—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Happy Thought.

She—Richard, this would be a good time to apply to papa for his consent.

He—Is he in a particularly good humor?

She—Oh, . . . retary, he's very angry . . . [illegible]

If a Body Meet a Body.

[illegible]
—North American.

Subtle Flattery.

Mr. Jinks—Mr. Binks seems to be very popular. I notice that a great number of ladies regularly call on her.

Mr. Binks—Yes. You know she has a parrot, and she has trained him to say whenever a lady caller is ushered into the parlor, "What a lovely hat!"—Somerville Journal.

Not Like Real Financiers.

I fear he will not rise to fame,
He has indeed a studious bent,
But all with ease may read his name
Whene'er he signs a document.
—Washington Star.

crowded, and I had to take up with a small room. On the same floor was a German who was occupying a suit, though not spending much money or putting on any great style. One day there was a great row. The landlord had asked him as a special favor to vacate for a newcomer, and, of course, the man didn't propose to be turned out. The landlord coaxed and argued, and the German growled and muttered, and I followed them down to the office to see how it would come out. At the desk was an American I had run across in Venice—a buyer for a Chicago dry goods house. When the landlord and the German began to gabble in chorus, the buyer pulled a blank check from his pocket and reached for a pen and said:

"'All this talk is of no use. I want rooms here. I will buy the hotel and select my suit. Sir, what is your cash price for this hotel?'

"'You would buy the hotel!' exclaimed the landlord, as he threw up his hands in surprise.

"'Grounds and all, and I want it today. How much—a million—three or four? And what name shall I fill in on the check?'

"Say, now," laughed the tourist, "but you ought to have seen the thing work! The German half determined to be ugly about it, but when he bumped up against a man who had as soon pay four millions as one for what he fancied he felt awed and humbled and ready to quit. The landlord figured that to turn away such a Crœsus would ruin his house, and it wasn't half an hour before the bluffer was installed in the suit and the German was chucked into a hole on the top floor. And that wasn't all, mind you. When they sent the buyer a bill based on his supposed millions he got up and threatened to buy up the town and start six soap factories to running, and they cut every item in two and begged his pardon to boot. I don't believe that chap had $1,000 to his name, but he just walked over everything and everybody for two weeks, and it was current gossip that he owned the whole of Chicago and a good share of St. Louis and Cincinnati; nothing but cold bluff, which wouldn't have taken him into an American dance hall as a deadhead, but it was equal to a letter of credit for $1,000,000 over there." So the Times.

The Beginning of .... Heart Failure

Thin, watery blood, and weak, exhausted nerves the real cause—Dr. Chase's Nerve Food the preventative.

Persons subject to thin blood and n . . . may well tremble at the . . . of heart failure, as they have in their system the beginnings which lead to weakness of the heart. The vitality of the heart is . . . the . . . amount of work . . . as it is supplied with plenty of . . . blood, on untiringly, rebuilding its waste as the blood passes through.

Once the blood gets thin and the nerves starved and exhausted the . . . becomes more rapid than the restoring . . . and . . . nervous shock or overexertion . . . the heart to cease and life departs.

Headaches, pains in the back and limbs, sleeplessness, weaknesses and irregularities of the feminine organs, palpitation of the heart and nervous disorders are sure indications of thin, weak blood.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food forms new red corpuscles in the blood, puts vital energy into the nerves, and stops the wasting process that would ultimately end in heart failure, nervous prostration or paralysis.

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RATES . . .

[illegible]

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OPPORTUNITY.

Let her not pass, but grasp her while you may.
Today is yours; tomorrow may not be,
And he who squanders all his time must pay
The bitter penalty. Do we not see
How swift the months and years are slipping by
Wherein life's battle must be fought and won?
How can we waste a moment, you and I,
When so much lies before us yet undone?
What might have been will pass beyond our ken
If we neglect her, for on golden wing
She quickly leaves us desolate and then
Our faults and failings only sorrow bring.
—Good Housekeeping.

IN THE APPLE ORCHARD

How a Professor Made Love and a Mistake at the Same Time.

Fedora in her long white apron and big sun hat, color box and palette in hand, sauntered out into the orchard and sat down under the shade of an apple tree. A light breeze stirred the boughs, on which the sunlight glinted in great gold patches, and countless song birds darted from limb to limb, making the air vocal with their music. One plump, red breasted fellow perched himself directly in front of Fedora and with head on one side regarded her intently.

The girl returned his gaze first [illegible]

[illegible]

...ed out in desperation, flushing to the brim of his scholarly hat.

Fedora's face was suffused with sudden color, and she gave an inarticulate little murmur quite beyond interpretation.

There was an interval, during which neither spoke for several minutes. The professor was the first to break the pause.

"Madly, terribly, foolishly in love," he said, emphasizing the last adverb as though it included the sum total of human imbecility. Fedora shot at him a glance of bewilderment.

"To think," she said, making a mental observation, "that he could be so violent."

There was another pause. She dug one dainty hand into the soft turf and looked at him shyly out of the corner of her eye. The professor spoke again.

"What do you think of it?" he asked abruptly, his gaze resting upon her face with suppressed eagerness.

"I—don't know." She said it slowly and blushed as she spoke. A mixed expression of doubt and perplexity became visible on the professor's face as he waited for her to go on.

But Fedora remained silent, her eyes resting dreamily upon a little white cloud drifting across the horizon.

The situation was growing awkward. The professor felt that his grip was [illegible] away from him and went on, a [illegible] anxiously:

"I don't know about such things as girls generally do. Tell me—what shall I do?"

He toyed nervously with a dead twig as he spoke and searched her face [illegible] for encouragement.

Fedora reflected for a moment, then nodded with decision.

"It depends," she said [illegible] her eyes upon his with a [illegible]

"Yes?" The professor turned to [illegible] with a quick smile.

Fedora pondered again, [illegible] her eyes half timidly and [illegible] corner of her handkerchief.

[illegible] the other one, you [illegible] girl?" she went on, with a [illegible]

The professor gazed at her [illegible] his kind eyes full of perplexity.

"Does she care for you?" [illegible] in a low voice, looking away.

"That's precisely the point," [illegible] pushing back his hat. "I [illegible] to find out."

"Is she pretty?"

"Beautiful!" replied the professor with enthusiasm. "She has the [illegible] and brown eyes in [illegible] and [illegible] how do they say [illegible] gold, that's it." [illegible] his eyes aglow [illegible] cerulean orbs [illegible] and her dusky [illegible] was averted.

There was silence for a few minutes. After a little she leaned [illegible] to pick a flower, her [illegible] violently, and the [illegible] from her face.

The professor drew a long [illegible] sighed. "She doesn't give me any encouragement," he [illegible] her with a questioning look.

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causing a great deal of interest. Nine games were played, a lot of moving up and down from 1 to 8 table, but about the third game Mr. C. Chapman and Miss McGinnsie reached the top, and deliberately defeated every aspirant till the end of the game, and came off victorious, Miss McGinnsie winning a beautiful silver shell horn and Mr. Chapman's handsome prize is now holding his tie in place. Miss Bertha Ritchie won the ladies booby, which created a sensation owing to the fact that it was a dressed doll marked "the wrong boy," and Mr. F. Bowman was the recipient of a well filled match holder with the motto "to lighten the darkness," indicating that he won the other booby prize. Another feature of the evening was the unique menu card, which kept the guests busy pre pounding the different viands, which were worded as plays or puns on the different African war events. After some instrumental and solos, and singing "Soldiers of the Queen," the party dispersed, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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The hospital wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of six jars of fruit from Mrs W. Young, and books and magazines from Mrs. L. Hilliard.

Last Tuesday night a boy slipped on the sidewalk and fell through one of the windows of Clary's restaurant.

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Spring has come. We saw one of our prominent citizens trailing a bicycle along the sidewalk on Wednesday.

Last week the choir of the Presbyterian church had a social evening and made a present to Phillip McRitchie in recognition of his services as organist. The present was a satchel with a dressing case and clothes brush inside. The members of the choir say they had a very lively time.

The W.C.T.U. will hold their regular business meeting in the Odd Fellows hall, Monday afternoon at 3:30.

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J.H. Reid, of Portage-la Prairie, arrived in town last week and will take charge of the undertaking department of Rideout & Turner's.

Miss Scovil will spend some weeks visiting friends in Winnipeg.

Among those who have gone to Winnipeg to take in the opera and theatre this week are Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. R. Roger, Mr. and Miss Ross, C. W. and Mrs Cornwick and G. C. Frisbie.

The engagement is announced in the Toronto papers of Mr. Alan Sullivan, of Rat Portage, and Miss Bessie Hees, of Toronto.

Geo. E. Miles, Q.L.S., has returned from Gananoque where he visited his family a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. Coppin went to Winnipeg last week. Dr. Coppin has been called to Dauphin by the dangerous illness of his father.

A number of the old and young people drove over to Keewatin Friday last, and had a good time in the Odd Fellows' hall. After a jolly time they broke up early.

Miss Evelyn Cameron entertained a party of 30 young people Friday evening at her home, Lakeside. Games and dancing were indulged in until midnight when refreshments were served. Prizes were distributed, and the young people dispersed after having had a most enjoyable evening.

Walter Laney, of Hamilton, was in town this week.

Archbishop Machray will hold services in St. Alban's church on Sunday when confirmation will take place.

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J. R. Bunn, who was recently laid up with an attack of the grip, is now showing his genial personage on our streets again.

F. R. Godwin, manager of the Bank of Ottawa, has been ill for several days this week.

J. D. Rayburn, is the Virginia mine, is in town.

Miss Gordon is dangerously ill with bronchitis. It is to be hoped that she will speedily recover.

Mr. Gibbe of Shoal Lake, N.W.T., is in town on his way to Fort Frances where he has a position with the Hudson's Bay Co.

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Mrs. Boyd is laid with bronchitis.

S. V. Halstead expects back this week.

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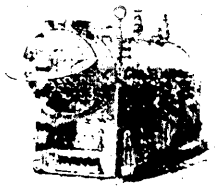

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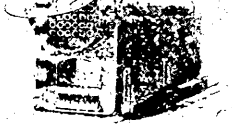

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